



Seeking produce distributors to partner with local farms and schools for Taste Washington Day



Washington School Nutrition Association (WSNA) and the Washington State Department of Agriculture Farm-to-School Program are partnering to celebrate Washington agriculture on **September 29th** with **TASTE WASHINGTON DAY**. Schools around the state will be serving a locally-sourced meal and providing education and activities to celebrate the farms that feed us.

WSDA Farm-to-School Program will provide support to match up farms and schools and facilitate the purchasing process. We would also like to strengthen networks between farmers, distributors and school, so we are asking for your participation on Taste Washington Day. Consider it an opportunity to highlight your Washington-grown items to schools, and to try out new partnerships with local farms and schools!

WSNA has recommended the two menus below, or schools can make their own menus. We will be encouraging schools to try some alternatives if they have willing farm partners who grow other things. For instance, a district might decide to use another kind of potato, or to do a bean or lentil chili, or to add carrots with tops or another available vegetable to round out the offerings.

Sample Menu 1

Washington Baked Russet Potatoes
w/ Beef Chili and Cheese Toppings
Whole Wheat Breadstick
"Grown in Washington" Fruit Salad
Low Fat Milk

Sample Menu 2

Hamburger w/ Cheese on a Whole Wheat Bun
Fresh Toppings: Tomatoes, Lettuce, Pickles
Fresh Corn on the Cob
"Grown in Washington" Fruit Salad
Low Fat Milk

We want Washington's kids to spend that day celebrating Washington's food and agriculture, and we want you to help us bring that to life!

For more information, to be listed as a participating distributor, or to get help linking local food to local schools, please contact Tricia Kovacs, WSDA Farm-to-School Program Manager, at tkovacs@agr.wa.gov or 206-256-6150. Many school nutrition directors are off for part of the summer, so we'd like to start the process as soon as possible.